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- 1. INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN REFTEL (B) WILL NOT ATTEND NATO MEETING
- 2. DR. SHERMAN MACEDO, DIRECTOR OF THE PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION FOR NATO, TOLD EMBOFF THAT NOT ALL MEMBERS OF THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING HAVE BEEN NAMED. THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS HAS DELAYED THE NAMING OF A FULL DELEGATION. PRIME MINISTER SOARES WAS TO HAVE HEADED THE DELEGATION, BUT MACEDO SAID THIS IS NOW UNLIKELY. THE DELEGATION MAY BE HEADED BY THE STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. JOAO LIMA, BUT THIS TOO IS QUESTIONABLE.
- 3. MACEDO SAID THAT LOWER-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TENTATIVELY INCLUDE:
 -- VILLAS BOAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
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- -- DR. SHERMAN MACEDO, DIRECTOR OF THE NATO DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; -- (NOT YET NAMED), A MEMBER OF THE CABINET OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
- -- FREITAS CRUZ, PORTUGUESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO.

4. OF THOSE NAMED, MACEDO SAID THE BEST CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN WOULD BE DR. JOAO LIMA, WHO REPRESENTED PORTUGAL AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, AND VILLAS BOAS. MACEDO SAID BOAS WOULD BE GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, BUT MAY NOT KNOW ALL DETAILS. MACEDO INDICATED THAT THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME A MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN. CARLUCCI

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